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Some giant tortoises have lived for more than 150 years! Some of the giant sequoia trees that grow in California would be more than 3,000 years old. This book compares the age of some things on Earth.

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From Reader Review What's Older Than a Giant Tortoise? for online ebook

Heather says

Good read at just the right level for. Four year old. The hardest thing it to understand the concept of how old is millions of year old verses hundreds of thousands verse a few hundred. But I think that's something kids grasp over time with exposure to big numbers.

Tracy St. John says

This is a very unique, to me, nonfiction book for children. This book doesn't necessarily have a specific topic other than the age of "things". It begins by telling the reader that a giant tortoise can live up to 150 years. Now that the reader is thinking that is old the author then compares it to sequoia trees, the pyramids of Egypt, mammoth and dinosaurs, and our galaxy ensuring that each is older than the previous. Although the ages of some of these items begin to grow to numbers too large to fathom, it is still unique in that it gets the reader thinking about the world around them and the ever changing, and according to this book not changing, world that we live in!

Alicia says

I love this scientific book that starts small and then expands. What a treat way to get kids interested in scientific investigation.

Naomi says

At first, I didn't like this book. I couldn't figure out why it was comparing something living with nonliving "objects". As I put it into perspective, especially with the last couple of pages, it hit the purpose for the book.

Dolly says

This is a short, comparative look at how truly old our planet and universe are, looking at the various ages of living things, the pyramids, craters, and fossils along the way. It's an interesting tale and is short enough to keep young children's attention. Our girls especially liked the illustrations.

Melissa says

This series is an absolute favorite in our home. Robert Wells makes topics so understandable for kids and

presents them in a fun way.

Beyond the Pages says

Loved this one!

Jennifer Lanman says

I loved this book on tortoises. It talks about how old they may be but many things are a lot older than them. It gives you a good lesson on science, including dinosaurs, trees, mountains, meteor craters etc. Many pictures flipped to the vertical view so that can keep the students engaged. There was not a lot of words and the pictures told the story. The illustrations also give facts about what it is talking about for example, the tree they show how tall it gets and how wide. This can be used in a k-2nd grade classroom. In the back of the book it shows the time line of how everything ties in with its age. Showing the tortoise being the youngest out of all the topics discussed. You can use this in the class room as a read aloud. After you read the book you can do an activity that works with time lines. You show them the example used in the book then group them up into groups of 4 or 5. Everyone in the groups have to work together to make a mini time line of everyone's birthdays from youngest-oldest. Then the groups will come back together as a class, and as a whole class they have to make one big timeline on the board fitting in everyone's birthday. It will make them problem solve, think and also work together to create a timeline.

Margaret Chind says

This is an "old earth" measurement book full of details of one thing after another and its estimated age. I love these illustrations and the Wells Knowledge of Science series.

Thanks to AW.
